(c) if not spent, the reason why the same has not been spent ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The land acquisition proceedings have been delayed owing to memorials from the people against the adoption of the alignment proposed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—At what stage is it now ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Awards have been passed yesterday and sent to the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether anything will be done for the construction of the road this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This year there are only ten days more and I do not believe it will be possible for the Government to mark out the land or the contractor to start the works.

Encouragement to Over-sea Service Men.

88. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) whether they had promised any encouragement to those who returned from over-sea service with proper testimonials ;

(b) will they kindly give a list of those who applied and who got the concession;

(c) whether the Government do not realise that these ex-service men deserve special consideration at the hands of the Government for their supreme sacrifices ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) It is not possible to prepare exhaustive lists, as the concessions were granted some years ago.

(c) Special consideration used to be shown to ex-army men in the matter of appointments, grant of land, etc. But the concession regarding the grant of land has subsequently been withdrawn. In deciding rival claims to grant of land, military service will, however, be taken into account, other claims being equal.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—With reference to (b), may I know whether there are no records with the Government to show who they are ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There are no connected separate records.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—So there are records?

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Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will it be possible for the Government to prepare the list?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It will be possible but the question is whether public interest requires it.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—If there is sufficient interest can it be prepared?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Play-Ground—Narakkal.

89. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—(a) Are the Government aware that there is no play-ground for the students at Narakkal;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend to shift the Fish Curing Yard at Narakkal from its present site;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, will not the Government set apart the present site of the Fish Curing Yard for the purpose of a play-ground for the students as per the Diwan's order, dated 19th March 1913, Dis. No 1952/D. of 1088?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) This site is not suitable for a play-ground.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Do the Government intend to provide a suitable site for the play-ground?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Efforts have been made to find out a suitable site over and above the Fish Curing Yard which is reported to be not sufficient. The Inspector and the Head of the Education Department arranged to go in search of a play-ground and two sites have been proposed.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—When was the first requisition made by the public for a play-ground, how many years ago?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The first letter which I have in my record relates to 1104. Whether the other records have been destroyed or whether there have been no other records I am not aware.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—I referred in my question to an order dated 19th March 1913. Have there not been petitions before that?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not in my file.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are the Government aware that even now students are using the premises of the Fish Curing Yard for a play-ground?

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